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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

**Thursday, 29 November 2007**

### Security Council

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| 10 a.m. | 5787th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 2 |

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

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| 11.30 a.m. | Consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultations Room |

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2007/671)

Other matters

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism**

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| 3 p.m. | 191st meeting (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

### General Assembly

Sixty-second session

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| 3 p.m. | 58th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

Question of Palestine [18]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/62/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/344)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/62/L.18, A/62/L.19, A/62/L.20 and A/62/L.21)

### General Assembly

Sixty-second session

**Informal consultations on agenda item 77 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)**

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 8 |
| 3–6 p.m. | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 8 |

### General Assembly

Sixty-second session

**Informal "informal" consultations**

Informal "informal" consultations (closed) on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.37 related to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development will be held *today*, 29 November 2007, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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## Security Council

The Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa will hold a seminar (open) on the item entitled "An effective global conflict prevention strategy in Africa, the role of the Security Council". The Seminar will be held on Monday, 3 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

## General Assembly

Sixty-second session

**Informal consultations of the whole on a draft resolution under agenda item 44 (Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS)**

The first informal consultations of the whole (closed), convened by the facilitators H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia) and H.E. Mr. Samuel Outlule (Botswana), on a draft resolution entitled "Organization of the 2008 comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS", will be held on Monday, 3 December 2007, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

## General Assembly

Sixty-second session

**Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting Devoted to the Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children (11-12 December 2007)**

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting Devoted to the Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children is open. Delegations wishing to participate in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; e-mail dizon@un.org).

Delegations are further reminded that statements should not exceed seven minutes each.

## General Assembly
Sixty-second session

### Main Committees

**Fifth Committee**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 137 (Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/62/294, A/62/179, A/61/891, A/61/936, A/62/7/Add.7, A/62/311 and A/C.5/62/11))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 161 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (A/62/380, A/62/379 and A/62/540))

## General Assembly

**Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**

**International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. 306th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Special political missions
2. Executive session

## General Assembly
Sixty-second session

### Main Committees

**Second Committee**
Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Mr. Eduardo Menez (Philippines), under agenda item 56 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

**Facilitator, Mrs. Fernande Afiavi Houngbedji (Benin), under agenda item 54 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)**

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Facilitator, Ms. Denise McQuade (Ireland), under agenda item 54 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

**Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland), under agenda item 55 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))**

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room DC2-811.

**Facilitator, Mr. Harald Fries (Sweden), under agenda item 61 (Towards global partnerships)**

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Facilitator, Mr. Laurent Pic (France), under agenda item 54 (i) (Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy)**

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Facilitator, Ms. Melanie Santizo-Sandoval (Guatemala), under agenda item 54 (h) (Sustainable mountain development)**

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Facilitator, Mr. Zigmars Zilgalvis (Latvia), under agenda item 58 (c) (Human resources development)**

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Vice-Chairman, Mr. Peter Le Roux (South Africa), under agenda item 52 (c) (External debt crisis and development)**

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

**Facilitator, Mr. Erik Lundberg (on behalf of the Chairperson of the Second Committee), under agenda item 54 (a) (Agricultural technology for development)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

**Facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), under agenda item 59 (b) (Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Facilitator, Ms. Laura Canuto (Italy), under agenda item 54 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)**

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Facilitator, Mr. Galetshajwe Lealola Rebagamang (Botswana), under agenda item 58 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))**

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

## United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

**Meeting of States Parties**

There will be informal consultations on the decision on the allocation of seats on the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea *today*, 29 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. States Parties and States non Parties are invited to attend.

## Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations on the UNDP-UNCDF Partnership Framework, UNCDF Programming and Funding Arrangements and UNCDF cost recovery policy, *today*, 29 November 2007, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

# Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

**Thursday, 29 November 2007**

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (under agenda item 71 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (under agenda item 47) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group))**

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 71) (convened by the delegation of India (on behalf of Group of 77))**

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

**Informal consultations on the "Draft Declaration of the Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting Devoted to the Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children" (under agenda item 66 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Brazil)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

**Informal consultations on draft resolution A/62/L.17 entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (co-sponsored by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

## Other meetings

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**Thursday, 29 November 2007**

**Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

**Group of 77 (on draft resolutions on sustainable development; and on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

**Group of 77 (on other Second Committee draft resolutions)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

**African Group: Experts on "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa"**

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

**Group of Latin American and Caribbean States**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

## Other activities

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**Thursday, 29 November 2007**

**Meeting on "The justice rapid response initiative" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada, Finland and Sierra Leone)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All delegations are invited to attend.]

**DPI/NGO briefing on "AIDS: Eliminating stigma and discrimination" (in observance of World AIDS Day)**

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Robin Della Rocca, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (917) 367-8020; e-mail dellarocca@un.org).]

**Panel discussion on "Legal aspects of return of internally displaced persons and refugees to Abkhazia, Georgia" (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Georgia)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Ana Chavchavadze, Permanent Mission of Georgia (tel. 1 (212) 759-1949).]

**Special events on the the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine)**

At 1 p.m.:

Screening of the film entitled "Knowledge is the beginnning: Daniel Barenboim and the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra", in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

At 6 p.m.:

Opening of the exhibit entitled "Palestine: A continuing legacy", in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative, up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.*

**Thursday, 29 November 2007**

*Room S-226*

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| 10 a.m. | H.E. Mr. Carsten Staur, Permanent Representative of Denmark; Mr. Richard Stearns, President of World Vision U.S.; Mr. Sam McGuire, Senior Vice-President of Ipsos Public Affairs; and Mr. Bunmi Makinwa, Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS, New York (on the release of a report revealing the awareness and attitudes of populations in seven wealthy nations towards those affected by HIV and AIDS globally) |
| 11.15 a.m. | Dr. David Nabarro, Senior United Nations System Influenza Coordinator (on the latest Avian Influenza progress report) |
| Guest at 12 noon | Mr. Nicholas Burnett, Assistant-Director General for Education at UNESCO (on the *2008 Education for All Global Monitoring Report*) |
| 2 p.m. | Mr. William Pace, Convenor of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC); Mr. Richard Dicker, Director of the International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch; Mr. Osman Hummaida, Director of the International South Asia Forum's (INSAF) Centre for Justice and Peace; and Mr. Mohammed Ndifuna, National Coordinator of the Human Rights Network-Uganda (HURINET-U) (on multilateral cooperation between the International Criminal Court and State-parties during investigations in Darfur (Sudan) and Northern Uganda) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands) |

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Friday, 30 November 2007**

### General Assembly

Sixty-second session

10 a.m. 59th plenary meeting ..... General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East ..... [17]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/62/327 and A/62/344)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/62/L.22 and A/62/L.23)

## General Assembly

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**Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) to (c) and agenda item 72 (Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence)**

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 71 and sub-items (a) to (c) and agenda item 72, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Monday, 3 December 2007, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

### Main Committees

**Second Committee**

Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitators, Ms. Mateja Vodeb Ghosh (Slovenia) and Ms. Zhanar Kulzhanova (Kazakhstan), under agenda item 58 (b) (Women in development)**

*Friday, 30 November 2007,* from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland), under agenda item 55 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))**

*Friday, 30 November.*2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Facilitator, Ms. Laura Canuto (Italy), under agenda item 54 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)**

*Friday, 30 November 2007,* from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), under agenda item 59 (b) (Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)**

*Friday, 30 November 2007,* from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Fifth Committee**

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 30 November 2007 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

## General Assembly

**Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse**

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse will be held on Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the *Trusteeship Council Chamber.*

### Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Tuesday, 4 December 2007, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

### International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

**Meeting of the States Parties**
Third Meeting

The Third Meeting of the States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families will be held on Thursday, 6 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional agenda is contained in document CMW/SP/6.

### Peacebuilding Commission
Second session

The Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 2nd meeting, on Wednesday, 5 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

## Economic and Social Council

### United Nations Children's Fund

**Executive Board**
Informal briefings

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold informal briefings in preparation for the first regular session of 2008:

Informal briefing on the 2008-2009 biennial support budget: Monday, 3 December 2007, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Henry Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (First basement);

Informal briefing on private fundraising and partnerships: Friday, 7 December 2007, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

Informal briefing on the evaluation policy: Friday, 14 December 2007 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7; and

Informal briefing on the 2008-2009 biennial support budget: Monday, 17 December 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Henry Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (First basement).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**
Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations on the UNDP's accountability system (accountability framework and oversight policy), on Friday, 7 December 2007, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

## Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 71) (convened by the delegation of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union))**

*Friday, 30 November 2007*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (under agenda item 71 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)**

*Friday, 30 November 2007*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 71) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)**

*Tuesday, 4 December 2007*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

## Other forthcoming meetings

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**Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (sixth session)**

*Friday, 30 November 2007*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

**Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations**

*Friday, 30 November 2007*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)**

*Friday, 30 November 2007*, from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Group of Interested States for the Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing by the Registrar of the Special Court) (sponsored by the Permanent Misson of Canada)**

*Monday, 3 December 2007*, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All Member States are invited to attend.]

**United Nations Development Programme (first meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report*))**

*Friday, 14 December 2007*, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[Interested delegations are invited to attend.]

## Forthcoming other activities

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**Friends of the International Criminal Court: Presentation by the Executive Director of the ICC Trust Fund for Victims (organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein)**

*Friday, 30 November 2007*, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[The meeting is open to members of Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions and Secretariat staff.]

**Panel discussion on the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons on the theme "Decent work for persons with disabilities" (organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)**

*Monday, 3 December 2007*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit <www.un.org/disabilities>; or contact the Department of Public Information (Mr. Edoardo Bellanda (tel. 1 (212) 963-8275; e-mail bellando@un.org); or Mr. Daniel Shepard (tel. 1 (212) 963-9495; e-mail ito@un.org)).]

**Panel discussion on "From the United States to Africa to the Caribbean: Women at the front of the AIDS crisis" (sponsored by the United States Mission)**

*Tuesday, 4 December 2007*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

# Announcements

## Preparations for the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (25 February–7 March 2008), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women; and (b) Capacity building on gender mainstreaming in relation to financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail mcdougalls@un.org or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than Friday, 30 November 2007. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available from 1 November on the DAW Web site <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/52sess.htm#interactive>.

## General Assembly

### List of candidates

Delegations are kindly reminded that the list of candidates (an informal working paper) for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and other information on elections and candidatures are available on CandiWeb at the following address: <https://secln069.un.org/candiweb>. Instructions to access the Web page can be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2337 or via e-mail to santomauro@un.org.

### Credentials of representatives to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-second regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420F or S-3420S; tel. 1 (212) 963-5358 or 963-5377).

## Security Council

### Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.html>.

### Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

### Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press

officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

**Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations***

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# Summary of official meetings

**Monday, 26 November 2007**

## United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

**Conference of the Parties**
First extraordinary session

1st meeting

*Opening of the session*

The first extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was opened by Mr. José Luis Herránz Sáez (Spain), who made a statement.

The Executive Secretary of the UNCCD made a statement.

*Adoption of the agenda and organization of work* [1]

The Conference began its consideration of the item and adopted its provisional agenda and organization of work as contained in document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/1.

*Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers* [3]

The Conference began its consideration of the item and agreed to accredit as observers the non-governmental organizations listed in annex 1 of document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/4.

The Conference also agreed to accredit as observer to its first extraordinary session the inter-governmental organization, Central American Integration System.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the item.

The Secretary of the Conference made a statement.

*Programme and budget — Consideration of the increase in the Convention's budget for the biennium 2008-2009* [4]

The Conference began its consideration of the item, for which it had before it document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/2.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Gambia (on behalf of the African Group), Japan, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Argentina, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Antigua and Barbuda.

The representative of Nigeria also made a statement, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole of the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties.

Upon the proposal of the President, the Conference established an open-ended contact group with Mr. Ositadinma Anaedu (Nigeria) as Facilitator, to resolve the outstanding issue on the budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

The President suspended the meeting.

The President resumed the meeting.

*Programme and budget — Consideration of the increase in the Convention's budget for the biennium 2008-2009* [4]

The Conference continued its consideration of the item and the President made a statement.

The Facilitator (Nigeria) reported to the Conference the outcome of the negotiations of the open-ended contact group.

Upon the request of the representative of Pakistan, the representative of the UNCCD secretariat read out the draft text submitted by the Facilitator, after which a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution contained in the annex to document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/2 as orally revised, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution as orally revised, statements were made by the representatives of Thailand and Mexico.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the item.

*Credentials of delegations* [2]

The Conference began its consideration of the item, for which it had before it the report of the Bureau to the Conference on the credentials of delegations as contained in document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/3.

The representative of the UNCCD secretariat made a statement and informed the Conference that credentials for Brunei Darussalam, Nigeria and Paraguay had been received and should be added to the list of formal credentials contained in the report.

The Conference approved the report on credentials as orally revised and concluded its consideration of the item.

*Report on the session* [5]

The Conference began its consideration of the item, for which it had before it the advance unedited draft report which was circulated in English only.

A statement was made by the representative of Japan.

The Conference adopted the draft report, with the understanding that the Rapporteur will finalize the report in consultation with the UNCCD secretariat.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the item.

*Closure of the session*

The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The President made a statement and declared closed the first extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

**Wednesday, 28 November 2007**

## Security Council

5785th meeting

*International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991*

*Letter dated 12 November 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2007/678)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2007/683, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2007/683) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2007/683) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1786 (2007).*

5786th meeting

*The situation in Burundi*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Charles Nqakula, Minister of Safety and Security of South Africa and Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Process.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by H.E. Mr. Charles Nqakula.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Belgium, Ghana, the Russian Federation, South Africa, the Congo, Qatar, the United States, China, Italy, the United Kingdom, Peru, Slovakia and Panama, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Indonesia.

H.E. Mr. Charles Nqakula responded to comments and questions raised.

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*Organization of work*

A statement was made by the Chairperson regarding the deferment of action on A/C.2/62/L.38 until the next formal meeting of the Committee.

*Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development* . . . . . [53]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.37*

A statement was made by the Secretary to correct the item, under which draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.37 had been submitted.

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Norway.

*Sustainable development* . . . . . [54]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.5*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/62/L.5.

*Operational activities for development* . . . . . [59]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on the proposed amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme contained in document A/C.2/62/L.6*

The Committee approved the proposed amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme.

*(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Oral decision*

On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee decided to take note of the Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women contained in document A/62/188.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 59 (a).

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54th meeting — The summary of the 54th meeting of the Third Committee in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2007/231).

## Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003*

*Consent to be bound*: Bosnia and Herzegovina (28 November 2007)[1]

*Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 22 December 1995*

*Acceptance*: Cook Islands (27 November 2007)[1]

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999*

*Accession*: Cook Islands (27 November 2007)[1]

*International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979*

*Communication to the interpretative declaration made by the Islamic Republic of Iran upon accession*: Japan (27 November 2007)[1]

*Communication to the interpretative declaration made by the Islamic Republic of Iran upon accession: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (27 November 2007*[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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*African States:*
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H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins

*Asian States:*
China
H.E. Mr. Wang Guangya

*Eastern European States:*
Slovenia
H.E. Ms. Sanja Štiglic

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Delano Frank Bart

*Western European and other States:*
Germany
H.E. Mr. Thomas Matussek

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| A/62/389 | Item 96 — Prevention of an arms race in outer space — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S] |
| A/62/392 | Item 99 — Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S] |
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